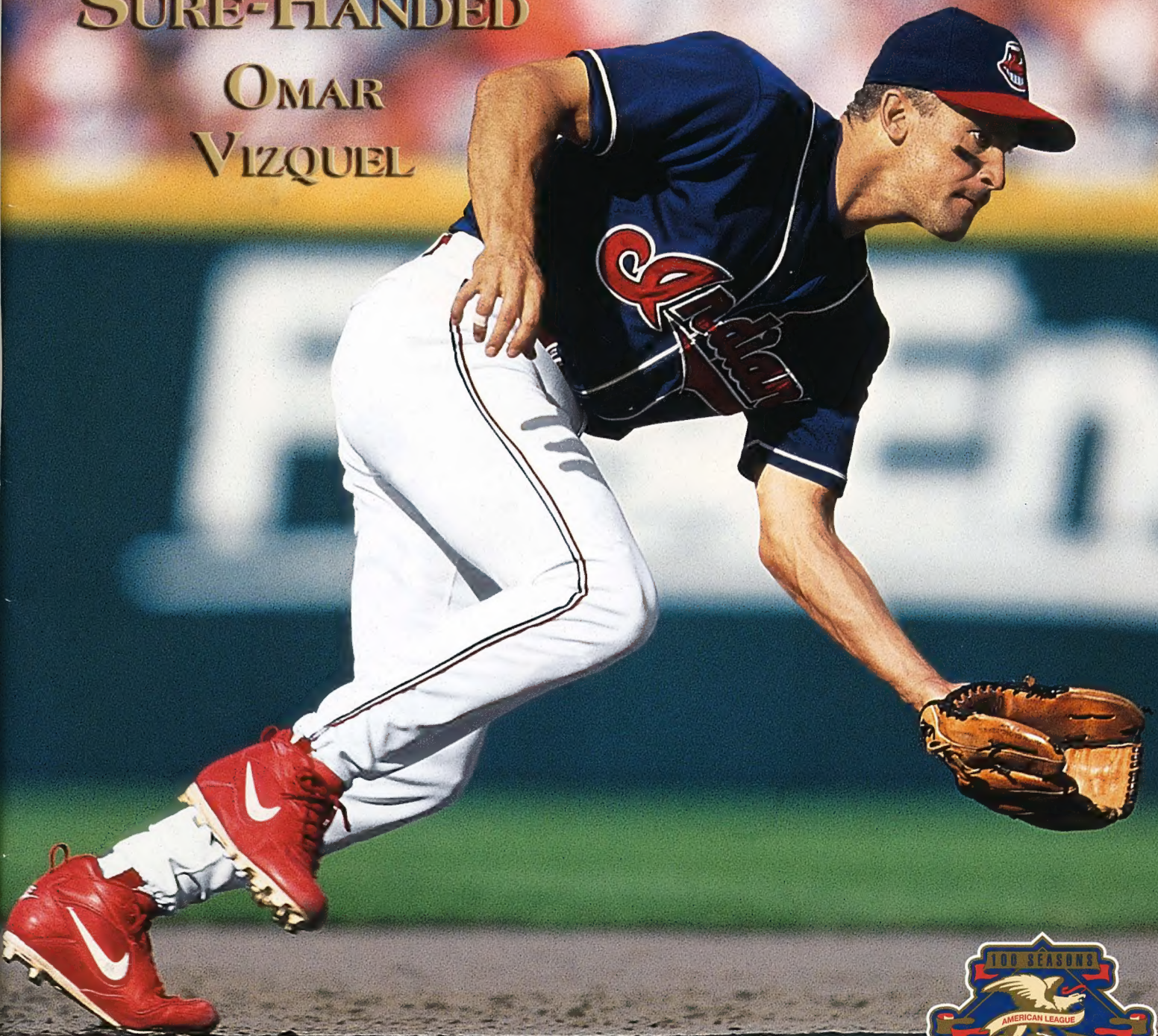


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10 MR. DEPENDABLE BY STEVE HERRICK

Indians pitcher Dave Burba has won 15 plus games for the past three years, something few current pitchers can claim. The native Ohioan, who grew up rooting for the Reds, gives the Indians an excellent chance of winning each time he takes the hill.

36 THE GOLDEN SHORTSTOP CHOOSES CLEVELAND BY BILL NEEDLE

Indians fans love Omar Vizquel – the smile, the fun-loving attitude, the spectacular fielding, the live bat, and the quick feet. Thanks to a recent contract signing, Indians fans can count on watching Omar for years to come.

44 IT TAKES AN ORGANIZATION BY YANK POLEYEFF

No one has worked harder to bring Einar Diaz to the Majors than Diaz himself. But, the Indians catcher has gotten some vital assistance along the way.

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56 IT LIVES IN MEMORY... BY JIM INGRAHAM

League Park was as storied a ballpark as any of the great fields of the past. Take a step back in time with Ingraham . . . see the kids at the "garage door gate," check out the short, high right-field wall, and take in the exploits of Tris Speaker, Hal Trosky, and other greats of the past.

66 R-E-S-P-E-C-T BY YANK POLEYEFF

Joel Skinner, Indians third base coach, and Terry Francona, special assistant to Baseball Operations, share similar histories. Both are sons of professional baseball players, and both played professional baseball before pursuing professional coaching/scouting roles.

100 CLEVELAND'S MOST MEMORABLE SHORTSTOPS BY BILL NEEDLE

Former Indians shortstop Lou Boudreau and his current counterpart Omar Vizquel are among the most popular and the most effective shortstops in Tribe history. Needle examines some interesting differences and similarities between the two.



On Opening Day this season, the Indians celebrated their 455th consecutive sellout. Although the sellout streak ended the following day, it is "heads and shoulders" above the marks of all other Major League cities.

To honor Cleveland's extraordinary fans, the Indians retired the number "455" during a special pregame ceremony on Sunday, April 22, 2001.